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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

This is a response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed June 21, 2000 (Paper No. 10) requesting an election among inventions. Applicant provisionally elects Invention I (Claims 1-8) with traverse. The applicant is traversing the election to safeguard the non-elected claims from cancellation by Examiner's amendment once prosecution is completed on the elected claims. M.P.E.P. 821.02.

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